

29th July 2021

Introduction

Despite saying there wouldn't be another Network News until the end of August, the information below is time-sensitive and couldn't wait until then.

u3a East Midlands Regional Conference – 29th September 2021

A PDF document is attached with the following information:

- ✚ Poster about the conference;
- ✚ Programme of Events; and
- ✚ Booking Form.

Please note the closing date for booking is 23rd August, hence the information coming now!

East Midlands Trustee Newsletter

The July East Mids Regional Trustee Newsletter is also attached. Let me draw your attention to 2 of the headings:

Copyright – please make sure your Newsletter Editors/Compilers and anyone compiling a PowerPoint presentation are reminded about this. Some u3as are using material from a publication called "Keep Smiling" on the assumption that the material is copyright-free. This is NOT the case and some material in that publication may infringe copyright, especially that reproduced from national publications where there is no statement "Reproduced with permission from...". A reference to the source is NOT an indication that permission to reproduce it has been given and it is most unlikely to be copyright free.

Grants – please make sure your committee (or working group) is aware of this possible resource when planning your re-launch and/or recruitment events. Please remember it's in addition to your own funds being used, not a replacement for them.

Next Network News

The next edition of *Network News* will be around 26th August (only 1 edition in August)
Closing date for submitting articles is 22nd August.

*PDFs included with this Network News Extra are:
EM Regional Conference Information Pack
EM Trustee Newsletter*



East Midlands u3a Regional Conference

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

**Eastwood Hall Conference Centre
Mansfield Rd Eastwood
NG16 3SS**

Wednesday 29th September 2021

10.00am – 4.00 pm

Speaker – newly elected national Chair

£15 including lunch!

[Come and meet others from the East Midlands!](#)

East Midlands Conference
Making a Difference
Wednesday 29th September 2021
Eastwood Hall Conference centre

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>
10.00 – 10.30	Registration Self- service tea & coffee
10.30 – 10.45	Welcome & Intro - Jean
10.45 – 11.30	<u>Talk by the newly elected national Chair of the Third Age Trust</u>
11.30-12.30	<i>Comfort break followed by:</i> Whole conference session Finding new committee members – led by Helen Salisbury
12.45 – 1.45	Lunch
1.45 – 2.45	Workshops <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Induction of committee members, group leaders and new members to u3a. <i>How well do you pass on information about u3a?</i> Margot and Sue, Beeston u3a 2. Tricks and tips for Presenters - <i>Interest groups often rely on the members to research a topic and present it to the group. Here are some ideas to help you improve your planning and presentation techniques.</i> – Celia Billau, Beeston u3a 3. Pathfinder u3as – <i>report on what they have done to improve their ‘offer’ and encourage new members (Southwell, Matlock, Eastwood)</i> 4. Social media - <i>How to create and implement a Social Media Strategy to attract new members</i> – John Butler, Ravenshead u3a 5. Finance –<i>Managing your u3a budget and finances</i> - Richard Teare (current, by then ex national Treasurer)
2.45 – 3.05	Self service tea & coffee
3.10 – 3.40	Looking to the future/40 th Anniversary – Michaela Moody
3.40	Thanks & farewell – Jean
4.00	End of Conference



EAST MIDLANDS CONFERENCE
East Midlands Conference Centre, Eastwood, NG16 3SS
29th September 2021

NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

U3A:

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: (*Lunch is included*)

SPECIAL REQUESTS: (*eg: Wheelchair access*)

NOTES:

Please print clearly and return this form together with your cheque In the amount of £15 made payable to:

U3A NORTHANTS NETWORK and mail it to THE TREASURER, c/o 7 FORRESTER GROVE, THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS NN14 4UD.

If you would prefer to pay by Bank Transfer, please email me on u3anorthantsnetwork@hotmail.com and I will send you the details.

Closing Date: 23rd AUGUST 2021. Any queries, please email: jean.hogg@u3a.org.uk or u3anorthantsnetwork@hotmail.com

Number which workshops you would like to attend in order of preference (i.e. 1, 2, 3 etc.)
(*Each delegate will be able to attend **ONE** workshop. If your first choice is full, your next will be allocated etc.*)

WORKSHOP TOPIC	Choice
1. Induction — <i>How well do you pass on information about U3A to your new members, group leaders and committee members?</i> - Sue Blackley & Margot Gale, Beeston u3a	
2. Tricks and tips for Presenters - <i>Interest groups often rely on the members to research a topic and present it to the group. Here are some ideas to help you improve your planning and presentation techniques.</i> – Celia Billau, Beeston u3a	
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u3a East Midlands Trustee

Newsletter



July 2021

Covid continues to create uncertainties about how to live our lives safely. I think many of us are continuing to take sensible precautions and some of your members will continue to be anxious, whilst others cannot wait to meet up again. I am sure that you will all continue to do all you can to ensure that all your members can continue to access their group activities and monthly meetings. I know how much hard work has gone on over the last 16 months and it is lovely when members express their appreciation to committee members, as happened recently in Spalding.

Copywrite

I need to remind you again about the need to be extremely careful with the materials you use. There are now apparently companies that digitally trawl websites looking for infringements, on behalf of copywrite holders. At least one u3a has been contacted and a fine demanded. If this happens to you, please contact the u3a office for advice.

National elections

A further reminder about using your vote. All 3 national officer positions are up for election.

Grants

I know that many u3as are planning events later in the year, intended as both a relaunch and publicity event. Open Day grants of £200 are available to top up expenditure from your own funds, that u3as can apply for every two years. Application forms should be available on the website soon but in the meantime, contact me and I can send you one. If any u3a is in dire straits financially and needs additional help, for instance resulting from a major loss of members, please contact me about that also.

East Midlands Conference

I shall shortly be sending out updated information about our planned Conference that may actually be able to take place. I really look forward to seeing many of you. Please do let new Committee members know about it.

Wednesday 29th September, Eastwood Hall Conference Centre.
10.00 – 4.00

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